

Minutes RAC Meeting Thursday August 9, 2012

Submitted by Kim Dopson, RAC Chair

Present: Carmen Babb, Sharon Block, Jaime Goffin, Dawn Anderson, Pamela McCarroll, LeWayne Jungert, Jaci Urie, Lauri Heward, Gary Kaufman, Beth Cothorn, Scott Rasmussen, Marsha Stalline, Carmalin Resz, Nancy Kuna, Debbie Thomas and Kim Dopson

0930- The meeting was called to order by Debbie and a round of introductions was made. A motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting on June 14, 2012 was made by LeWayne and Dawn seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted as is.

Kathy Skippen, SUDS Program Manager, gave an update via a conference call. The DHW historically has begun the SUDS fiscal year in the hole and Kathy was pleased to report that this year that was not the case. The Department is responsible for the non-criminal justice population and misdemeanor probationers and the goal is to be able to offer services to clients prior to entering the IDOC system. As stated in the recent Department newsletter the SUDS program is working on putting together an RFP for the management service contract that BPA currently administers. Kathy predicts this new RFP will look different then in the past as each stakeholder such as Drug Court or IDOC is responsible to their own populations and funding. Kathy recently attended a national convention in which she was very impressed with the speaker from Oklahoma where that state has already implemented several of the changes that Idaho is looking at in the near future. Kathy is looking for a way to bring that speaker to Idaho and RAC suggested we would help financially and physically to provide meeting facilities for such an event. Kathy believes the coming implications of implementing the Healthcare Reform and potential newly qualified Medicaid recipients could have a huge impact on the way Idaho delivers behavioral and physical health services. She encourages the RAC and providers to research and get informed on these issues.

Sharon Block informed the RAC that she is currently serving on the Healthcare Task Force in Idaho and that there will be another meeting in September. If anyone has information they would like to share with Sharon they are encouraged to contact her. Idaho has not yet decided whether or not the state will expand Medicaid and accept the federal dollars associated with that decision.

Scott Rasmussen announced the newly filled CRDS position and Beth Cothorn will be assuming that role. She is located at the Harrison DHW office and can be reached at 732-1582, (direct line) or cothernb@dhw.idaho.gov.

Scott Rasmussen current Chair of the Mental Health Board explained how RAC past and present will participate in the Mental Health Board. The sitting RAC Chair will be on the board as well as a consumer and another SUDS provider in addition to the RAC Chair. Debbie Thomas will represent the provider position and Mary Nelson is willing to represent the consumer position for now.

Scott also explained that the combination of RAC and Region 5 Mental Health Board is in hopes of creating the Regional Behavioral Health Board to have more local input and control of resources and funding decisions to address the unique needs of regions.

Jaime Goffin, BPA announced that there has been a 75% increase of clients going into care because the budget year began neutral versus in the hole in the past. They are also happy to report there is a 5% increase for service reimbursements beginning September 1, 2012. BPA has decided to partner with Aetna to pursue the long awaited RFP for Managed Care Services in Idaho. Jaime also announced to the RAC that a new provider has been accepted in Twin and that is Psychiatric Services. Lisa Bridges will be their Clinical Supervisor and Carmen was present today at the meeting. Also Stacy at Alliance Family Services is going to be providing SUDS services in Sun Valley. They have already been providing services for Medicaid Mental Health.

Partners in the Park, September 15, 2012 sponsored by Community Action was discussed in detail and people were assigned tasks to complete to finalize the RAC/Mental Health Board tables. Debbie Thomas agreed to get a bid on a Banner that will be used now and in the future for the Behavioral Health Board. The RAC members agreed to pay under \$300.00 to purchase the banner. Beth will spend \$50.00 for posters or other material for the booth. RAC will do a public service announcement to advertise a Police supervised "take back the drugs" portion at the park.

Department of Juvenile Justice reported that they will soon be at full utilization of the appropriations. They are looking for providers willing to participate in a pilot project of using the WITS to send referrals and keep the client record. They are also using Boise State to conduct a survey on how to increase communication between the provider and probation officer and how best to help the clients engage in treatment and complete it.

Nancy Kuna shared that it had been a busy summer for their services. The numbers indicate a 75% increase from the numbers in 2011. Jerome hasn't been consistent in giving youth tickets and or referrals to the program.

The group thanked Debbie Thomas for serving as RAC Chair for the last two years and Kim Dopson will now become the chair. The members were asked who was willing to serve as the Vice Chair for 2012-2013 and no one volunteered. This will be placed on future agenda's until the Vice Chair position is filled. The meeting was brought to a close.